

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/IT2004/000001

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A63B35/12

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A63B B63C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4 467 742 A (DUBOY GUSTAVO) 28 August 1984 (1984-08-28) the whole document	1
X	US 2 722 021 A (KEOGH-DWYER WALTER C) 1 November 1955 (1955-11-01) the whole document	1
X	US 3 745 961 A (LAUGHMAN G) 17 July 1973 (1973-07-17) the whole document	1
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 1 (in part), 2-17 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 1(in part),2-17

Claim 1, and indeed the whole International Application, is so unclear (Articles 5 and 6, PCT) as to make a meaningful search impossible (Article 17(2)(a)(ii) PCT).

Consequently, the search has been restricted to the following parts of claim 1, which, although by themselves are also not clear, do enable the reader to obtain at least some indication of what the applicant might have been meaning.

- i) A propultion's system ... that includes-
- ii) a small electric hydro-jet,
- iii) validly sustained from a slinging
- iv) that is hooked to the waist of a user
- v) and feeding by a series of watertight cylindre that all of one containing a traditional or rechargeable battery or cell accumulator
- vi) means to control all of the system thanks to of the watertight button if neccessary integrated with a strap
- vii) means to connect to the special slinging varied types of accessories, thanks to of the holes strengthened equipped of the relevant bolts to equipment.

Since there is no possible way of clarifying at least some of these features without "going beyond the disclosure in the International Application as filed" (Article 19(2) PCT), the search conducted for these features cannot be considered as being "meaningful", in the sense of Article 17 PCT.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Information on patent family members

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